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Dear Josh:

We are now actively planning a Symposium in honor of Wendell Stanley and I am writing now to invite you to be one of the speakers on that occasion.

As you know, Stanley was the Director of the Virus Laboratory since its founding in 1948 and he played a major role in the establishment of the present Departments of Biochemistry, and of Molecular Biology. It is our hope that the Molecular Biology and Virus Laboratory will be renamed WENDELL M. STANLEY HALL to commemorate his enormous contributions and that the Symposium we are planning will be the occasion of the renaming. The principal goal, however, is to have a lively Symposium dealing with biology, education and research in the university environment, and science and public policy. By having speakers covering these three areas we would, in effect, encompass much of Stanley's own career. For the area of plant viruses we are inviting Bawden from England. I have asked Sabin to talk about animal virus research and the role of viruses in cancer. Delbrück has been invited to talk about the origins of molecular biology and perhaps the role of the tobacco mosaic virus work. For those areas of Stanley's career dealing with education and public policy, we are inviting Glenn Seaborg and W. D. McElroy. Since we anticipate the formal renaming of the building to occur on that day, we would like to have one speaker talk about future directions in biology. I would hope that you would agree to do this for us as I am confident you would do a superb job. Some of the speakers would doubtless deal retrospectively with Wendell Stanley's contributions and his impact on the emerging field. Others will deal more prospectively which I would assume to be the case for your talk.

I realize you have many calls on your time and energy but I hope, nonetheless, that you will honor us on this commemorative occasion with a talk of about 40 minutes duration. There will be no publication of the presentations. Some of our preliminary efforts have revealed how difficult scheduling will be and we have, therefore, decided tentatively to hold the Symposium on Sunday, the 21st of November. This is the day after the Cal-Stanford football game and we have reason to believe that we can get some of the aforementioned speakers on that day. I certainly hope you will be able to help us in the

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realization of this project and I look forward to hearing from you. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard K. Schachman

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